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HARDENED PROFILE PART

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AMENDMENT B IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 11 of this paper and are reflected in the attached corrected drawing sheets.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.